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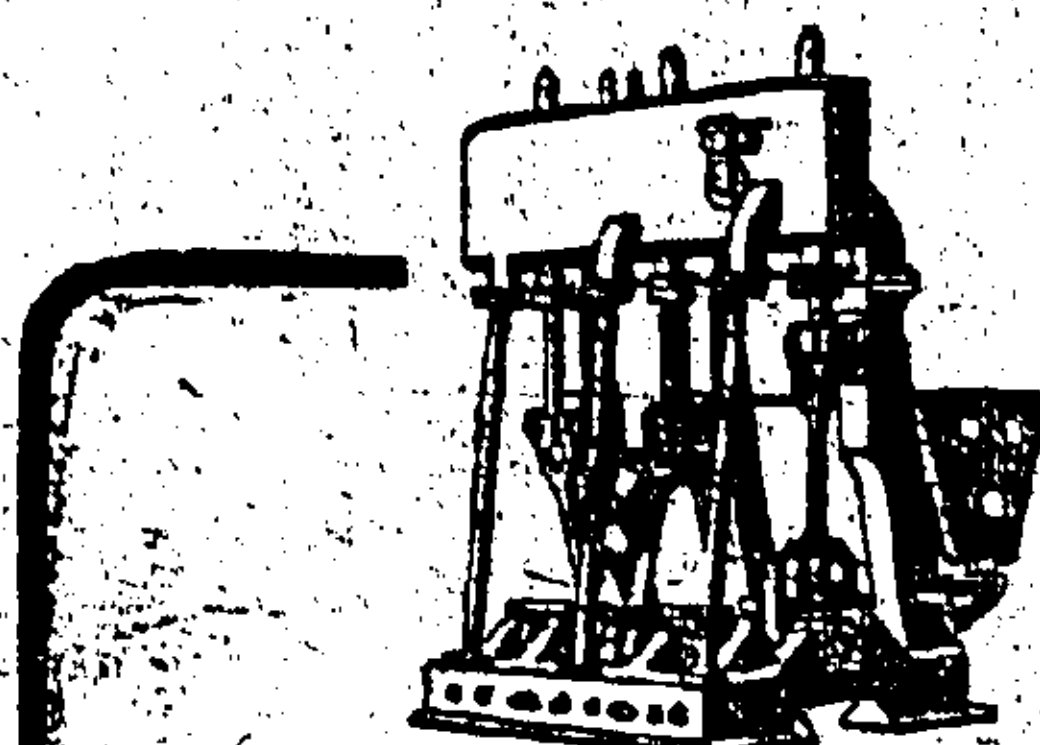
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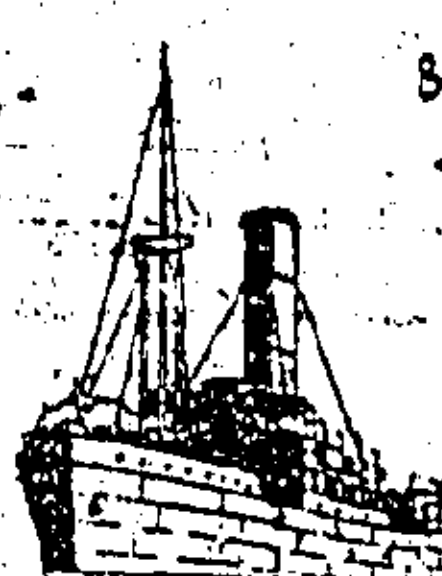


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THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

FIERCE ENEMY ATTACKS

FINE PORTUGUESE CO-OPERATION.

London, Mar. 9.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

The enemy attacked yesterday evening under cover of a heavy bombardment on a front of nearly a mile, from southward of Menin Road to northward of the Polderhoek chateau.

Despite his intense artillery firing and determined attack, we repulsed attacks at all points, except in the neighbourhood of Polderhoek, where the enemy entered some of our advanced posts on a front of 200 yards.

We re-captured the whole of the positions after severe fighting the night long.

We drove off raiders eastward of Neuve Chapelle.

The Portuguese captured several prisoners in a successful raid in this neighbourhood.

The West Kents made a successful raid southward of Fleuxbaix and took a number of prisoners.

BRITISH REGIMENTS ACQUIT THEMSELVES GLORIOUSLY.

London, Mar. 10.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

Main force in yesterday evening's attack in the neighbourhood of Polderhoek.

The enemy's losses were severe.

A short section of a trench which remained in his hands was re-captured, despite strong resistance, by the Royal Fusiliers. A few prisoners were captured.

The Portuguese penetrated to the second line of trenches in the Neuve Chapelle raid reported this morning, driving out the garrison with heavy loss, and bombing or blowing up a number of occupied dug-outs, and bringing back prisoners.

The Portuguese casualties were light.

We raided trenches northward of the Bapaume-Cambrai road.

The Londoners made a raid in the neighbourhood of Oppy, killing several and taking a few prisoners.

There is increased activity of hostile artillery northward of the La Bassée Canal.

GERMAN REPORT.

London, Mar. 10.

A German official message states:—

There was a hostile infantry attack, followed by a violent artillery duel, in the Badonviller sector.

The engagements have not yet terminated.

STRAFFING THE ENEMY

FINE WORK BY BRITISH AVIATORS.

London, Mar. 10.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports on aviation:—

There was great aerial activity yesterday. We dropped over 400 bombs on dumps and sidings at Menin, Busigny and Guise, eastward of St. Quentin. We brought down 18 machines and drove down 10.

Three of our machines are missing. Despite the mist our nightfliers dropped 24 heavy and 48 lighter bombs on the dump and railway sidings of Fresnoy, north-eastward of St. Quentin. All our machines returned.

We dropped a ton of bombs at midday to-day with good results on the barracks, railway sidings and factories of Maubeuge, where a large fire started.

All our machines returned.

THE CHARGE OF THE YORKSHIRES

PANIC CREATED IN ENEMY RANKS.

London, Mar. 9.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters says:—Yesterday was the heaviest fighting of the year on the Passchendaele salient. The enemy, throughout the whole of the previous night, heavily bombarded the whole front, from Warenton to Langemark, freely employing gas shells. Troops were employed in a subsequent attack on a mile front south of the Houthulst Forest.

We met the enemy with such vigorous resistance that the on-coming waves broke and retired in most places. On the right flank an attack, however, by flamethrower parties forced the garrisons in some posts to withdraw to supports in the rear.

A little later the Yorkshire Light Infantry counter-attacked with great dash. The enemy, who was very strong, lined up and was prepared to resist, but the fury of the onslaught created a panic, and the enemy resistance broke.

Our men pursued the enemy for 300 yards from the spot at which the enemy attacked, inflicting considerable casualties.

There was heavy artillery firing throughout the day astride the Menin Road, succeeded by an advance of a large body of infantry. Covered by an intense barrage, the infantry deployed to 3,000 yards. Furious fighting ensued at twilight. In the struggle, which was very confusing, the enemy succeeded in establishing himself in a few posts, which were subjected to our artillery fire throughout the night.

The weather was ideal.

SUCCESSFUL BELGIAN RAID

London, Mar. 10.

A Belgian communiqué states:—The Belgians made two raids in the region of Mauth, killed many and brought back 25 prisoners.

We captured a German outpost. The enemy's raiding outposts last week resulted in a recrudescence of artillery fire on the whole front.

SUCCESSFUL BRITISH AND FRENCH RAIDS

London, Mar. 10.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

In the successful raids north-westward of St. Quentin and south-westward of Cambrai several of the enemy were killed and a few taken prisoners.

Hostile artillery was active at Arras, eastward of Wytschaete and in the neighbourhood of Menin Road.

A French communiqué states:—We repulsed raids south of Betheny, on the left of the Meuse and the Vosges. We inflicted losses on the enemy and took prisoners.

Our detachments penetrated the enemy lines east of the Auberville region and Badonvillers, and destroyed several enemy works and took prisoners.

THE SILVER MARKET

London, Mar. 9.

Silver is quoted 42 3/4. There is rather more demand and the market is steady.

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INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG CLUB.
NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-SECOND YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF the HONGKONG CLUB will be held in the Club House on MONDAY, the 18th March, 1918, at 8.30 P.M.

By Order
E. DES VIGUE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, Mar. 2, 1918. 201

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT
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THE TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Charter Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 30th day of March, 1918, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1917, and declaring a Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 14th March, 1918, until SATURDAY, the 23rd March, 1918, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Hongkong, Mar. 5, 1918. 209

CHINA SUGAR REFINING
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NOTICE.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Fielder's Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 27th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
General Agents.

Hongkong, Mar. 6, 1918. 214

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Managers, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, at 11 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
General Managers.

Hongkong, Mar. 9, 1918. 222

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,
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THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Managers at Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1917, and the report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th instant both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 7, 1918. 218

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Firm of A. R. MARTY, RIZZ SAULE, Successors, has as from the 15th February, 1918, sold to Messrs. P. A. LAPOQUE & Co., the S.S. "HANOI" which insures the Postal Service between Hongkong and Haiphong, and also the right to use the name of R. A. Marty, Compagnie de Navigation Tonkinoise.

The business will hereafter be carried on by Messrs. P. A. LAPOQUE & Co., No. 4, Queen's Building, Telephone 900.

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Hongkong, Mar. 5, 1918. 208

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PURCHASERS OF PARI-MUTUEL TICKETS on the 5th Race, Second Day, for Cash Sweep, Places and Winners, also Cash Sweep Ticket Holders, of following Races can obtain a refund on production of their tickets at the Office of the HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB, on the Ground Floor of the HONGKONG CLUB ANNEXE, CHATER ROAD, between the hours of 3.30 P.M. and 5.30 P.M. on MONDAY, the 4th March, 1918, until 23rd March (Sundays and Sundays excepted).

HOLDERS OF UNPAID WINNING TICKETS (Cash Sweep, Places and Winners) will also be paid at the same place and between the same hours as noted above on production of their tickets.

LOWE, HINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Accountants to the
HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Hongkong, Mar. 4, 1918. 192

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THE WAR.

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SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

ANOTHER AIR-RAID ON
LONDON.

GOOD DEFENCE WORK.

London, Mar. 8.

The Press Bureau announces:—Aeroplane crossed the East Coast at eleven o'clock on Thursday evening and proceeded towards London. The raid is in progress.

LATER.

It was the first moonless aeroplane raid on London. Gunfire was heard approaching and soon there was fierce firing in the Metropolis, which lasted intermittently for about an hour.

THE PLAN OF ATTACK.

London, Mar. 9.

The Press Bureau states that seven or eight aeroplanes carried out last night's raid. Two bombed London first. Two raiders following the Thames were turned back before reaching the Capital. A third crossed the Essex Coast and bombed the south-west and north-west districts of London. A fourth crossed Essex, dropped bombs northward of London and proceeded southward across the Capital, after dropping the remaining bombs in the northern district.

The remaining machines were turned back.

There was some damage to property and several houses were demolished.

THE ALERTNESS OF THE
DEFENCE.

London, Mar. 8.

Last night's raid was facilitated by the remarkably vivid reflection of the Aurora Borealis over the North Sea, enabling an easy picking-up of the coastline. Londoners were surprised owing to the night being moonless and a high wind prevailing, but the alertness of the authorities was evidenced by the intensity and mobility of the barrage, resembling drumfire, also the speed with which the airman rose to defend the Capital.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

London, Mar. 9.

The Press Bureau states that 11 were killed and 40 injured in last night's raid on London.

It is feared six additional bodies are buried in the wreckage.

ENEMY RAIDS REPULSED.

London, Mar. 7.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—After artillery firing, the enemy, in a fog, raided our advanced posts north-westward of La Bassée. Some of our men are missing from the post, which the enemy entered. We repulsed the raids. There was enemy artillery firing at Cambrai, Vermeles, Armentieres and Ypres.

BRILLIANT BELGIAN OFFENSIVE.

London, Mar. 7.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters reports:—The weather is ideal, hence the great aerial activity.

Yesterday we destroyed many enemy aeroplanes, driving down at least a score of machines.

The Germans continue raiding, but with very limited success.

The Belgians brilliantly acquitted themselves on March 5th on the occasion of a big German raid on a two-kilometre front against Beyerdyke and Reigersvliet.

Picked troops were employed in the operation, and it was manifest they had been well rehearsed. After beating back the raiders the Belgians counter-attacked, splendidly behind an intense creeping barrage. The Germans, despite their determined resistance, were steadily driven back to their own lines with heavy losses.

The Belgians captured 84 prisoners and eight machine-guns, also rifles and bombs.

THE BELGIAN COMMUNIQUE.

London, Mar. 7.

A Belgian communiqué states:—An enemy attack north of Nieuport on Friday under cover of a very violent bombardment failed. We took prisoners. The counter-attack by our dismounted cavalry on Wednesday against the Prussian Shock Troops, who gained a footing in the advanced posts south of Stuyenskerke, was very successful. We took 125 prisoners and nine machine-guns and much material. We occupied all posts.

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STRONG LOCAL ENEMY
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REGIMENT.

London, Mar. 9.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

Before dawn this morning the enemy delivered a strong local attack on a mile front southward of the Houthulst Forest. The attack in most places broke down under the fire of our troops.

On our left, however, the attack was of a very determined character, supported by flame-throwers, which compelled some of our advanced posts to fall back a short distance, on a 500 yards front after severe fighting.

The Yorkshire Regiment counter-attacked later with complete success, driving back the enemy 800 yards beyond our former line, inflicting heavy losses and re-establishing the position.

Our casualties were light. The Sussex troops successfully raided eastward of Laventie, taking prisoners.

Enemy artillery firing was active at Flequiers, Givenchy, Neuve Chapelle, Armentieres and Ypres.

MORE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

London, Mar. 8.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports on aviation as follows:—

There has been fine weather and great mutual activity. We dropped over 400 bombs on billets and railway sidings, and machine-gunned enemy infantry, transport and batteries.

We brought down 10 and drove down 10 enemy machines. Three of our machines are missing.

Despite the mist, our night-fliers bombed an aerodrome at Metz.

All our machines returned.

London, Mar. 9.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports on aviation:—

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig has congratulated the first brigade of the Flying Corps on their splendid success in bringing down eighteen aeroplanes in one day.

Despite a haze we dropped 84 tons of bombs on various targets, including one ton on an aerodrome at St. Quentin.

We brought down one machine. We burned down one machine at Cambrai and Cusigny, and on billets and batteries.

ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

London, Mar. 9.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

The enemy's artillery was active in the Scarpe Valley and at Ribecourt.

There was much reciprocal artillery firing between the Menin Road and the Houthulst Forest.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

London, Mar. 9.

A French communiqué states:—There was intermittent reciprocal artillery firing on the right of the Meuse and in upper Alsace.

Paris, Mar. 8.

A French communiqué states:—There was fairly great enemy artillery firing in the Lupomelle region and Avocourt.

A strong enemy raid on Moncel was repulsed with serious losses.

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WAR LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS.

EXCELLENT RECEPTION AT

London, Mar. 8.
War Loan subscriptions in London from Monday to Thursday inclusive totalled £46,000,000.

GENERAL ALLENBY'S
TROOPS.LINE EXTENDED WITHOUT
OPPOSITION.

London, Mar. 8.

A Palestine official report states:—Between March 4th and 7th our lines astride the Jerusalem-Nablus Road have been steadily advanced, almost unopposed.

The maximum depth attained is three miles on a front of 18 miles.

We successfully bombed the railway and an aerodrome at El Kutrani on Monday and dropped a ton of bombs on the railway northward of Melek, and encampments eastward of Jericho on Tuesday.

The enemy blew up the Jordan bridge at El Ghom Niyeh on Wednesday.

A TURKISH REPORT.

London, Mar. 8.

A wireless Turkish official report states:—

On the Palestine Front, during advanced post engagements, the enemy occupied Djiha temporarily. Our counter-attack drove him back.

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A number of pairs of Ladies' and Gent's Boots and Shoes.
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THE DARKENING OF SHIPS AT SEA.

THE ADMIRALTY ORDERS TO MERCHANT MARINE.

LONDON, Mar. 8.

Very vital importance is attached by the Admiralty to the darkening of ships as explained by Sir Eric Geddes, when he introduced the Naval Estimates on the 5th instant. The Admiralty desires the fullest possible publicity to be given to it by placarding and otherwise, and the protective measures, as prescribed, should be immediately and implicitly carried out.

OPERATIONS IN EAST AFRICA.

ENEMY BEING PURSUED.

LONDON, Mar. 8.

An East Africa official report states:—
The main enemy force is still northward of Lurto river. Operations are continuing despite the rains.
Our columns from Lake Nyasa killed and captured 177 in January and February.
The Zambesi floods are subsiding.

MONTENEGRO TRUE TO HER BLEDEGE.

PEACE WITH THE QUADRUPLICE TREATED WITH CONTEMPT.

LONDON, Mar. 8.

The Montenegrin Minister of War in a letter to the Press, indignantly denying the rumour that Montenegro may conclude a peace with the Central Powers, mentions that fact that 2,000 Montenegrins are fighting on the French Front, and adds that the Central Powers formally offered the Montenegrin Government a peace, which was rejected with contempt.

COMBING OUT THE COAL MINERS.

FIFTY THOUSAND TO BE RECRUITED.

LONDON, Mar. 8.

The Press Bureau states that the Government has decided to recruit 50,000 fit unmarried coal miners under the age of 25.

PRETENSION AND INTENTION.

MR. ASQUITH ON GERMANY'S PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

LONDON, Mar. 8.

Mr. Asquith, speaking at Cupar, said that there were two keys to world position—command of the seas and the Western Front. Both, despite vicissitudes, remained in the hands of the Allies. There had not been a more instructive contrast between pretension and intention than that by the Germans at the so-called peace negotiations, which were more harsh and more humiliating than any in the world's history. If ever they are carried out they would cause conflicts embroiling the nations for generations. There is no territorial acquisition that Great Britain has made during the war which we are not ready to submit to the judgment of a tribunal of a League of Nations.

FINLAND'S INDEPENDENCE.

CONDITIONS OF PEACE TREATY WITH GERMANY.

AMSTERDAM, March 8.

A Berlin message states:—A Peace Treaty between Germany and Finland has been signed, also a trade and shipping agreement.

Germany undertakes to endeavour to secure recognition by all the Powers of Finland's independence. Finland not to cede to any foreign Power any territory nor grant any easement on territory without German consent.

Other conditions provide for the exchange of war prisoners, the restoration of public debt service, the permanent non-fortification of the Åland Islands, and the establishment of a Civil Damages Commission with neutral representatives.

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A CLIMB-DOWN FOR GERMANY.

PROMISE TO EVACUATE REGIONS OCCUPIED SINCE PEACE.

PETROGRAD, Mar. 8.

General Hoffmann has telegraphed to General Krylenko, apologising for the German operations against Russia since the peace. He attributes them to the sporadic movements of disorganised Russian detachments and has promised immediate evacuation of all regions occupied since the peace.

GERMANY PROTESTS TO RUSSIA.

LONDON, Mar. 9.

A wireless German official message says that Herr von Dem Busche (the German Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) has communicated with the Smolny Institute at Petrograd, stating that 450 of the inhabitants of Dorpat and Reval and 180 from other Livonian towns had been deported in cattle trucks, which was in contravention of the Peace Treaty. Therefore, the Foreign Under-Secretary protests against further deportation, and demands the return of those already deported.

RUSSIAN LEADERS ON GERMAN SOCIALISTS.

TRAITORS TO WORKING CLASSES.

LONDON, Mar. 8.

A wireless Russian message says that Mms. Lenin and Trotsky have ordered the Bolshevik Plenipotentiary to Sweden not to have relations with German Socialists and Imperialists. They declare that the partisans of Mrs. Scheidemann and David (Socialists) are strike breakers and traitors to the working classes.

FOODSTUFFS SECURED BY THE ENEMY.

COPENHAGEN, March 8.

The *Hamburger Fremdenblatt* states that Germany has secured the use of the Roumanian oil industries, also large quantities of grain and fodder.

THE VIENNA FREMDENBLATT STATES THAT UKRAINE IS ENDEAVOURING TO DELIVER TO THE CENTRAL POWERS BY APRIL 15TH 30,000 WAGONS OF GRAIN, 1,200 WAGONS OF SUGAR, 2,000 WAGONS OF FROZEN MEAT, AND 1,000 WAGONS OF DRIED FRUIT.

AUSTRIAN "AID" TO UKRAINE.

LONDON, March 8.

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THE LATE MR. JOHN REDMOND.

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The service was very impressive. The coffin was covered with the Irish flag, while the Union Jack and Papal flag were half-masted at the principal entrance.

Cardinal Bourne delivered an address. The interment will take place in Ireland.

PORTUGUESE POLITICS.

UNIONIST MEMBERS OF CABINET AND SUFFRAGE QUESTION.

LONDON, March 7.

Owing to the refusal of the Unionist members of the Cabinet to adopt universal suffrage at the Presidential Elections the Cabinet was re-constructed without the Unionists.

INTERRED GERMANS IN BRITAIN.

GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.

LONDON, March 7.

In the House of Lords, Lord Derby in justifying the Government attitude towards the non-exchange of interned civilians said that of the 15,000 interned Germans in Great Britain who were eligible for repatriation the majority were servants in the German Army, while of 3,000 British subjects interned in Germany 2,000 were soldiers, whom Germany regarded as combatants.

THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST ROMANONES.

Pascual took alarm and the project dropped.

The Germans, however, continued the campaign against Count Romanones by means of newspapers and leaflets. The "Secretary" Grimm, on March 1917 handed to Pascual 600,000 pesetas for the purpose of organising disturbances in connection with the Extreme Right. Von Stohrer arranged with Pascual to break up a meeting to be addressed by M. Maeterlinck, but the meeting was prohibited at the instance of the German Ambassador.

STRIKES PROVOKED BY GERMAN AGENTS.

Pascual discloses that the general strike in August was provoked by German agents among the Syndicalists.

EFFORT TO PREVENT EXPORTS TO FRANCE.

German efforts were afterwards directed to prevent Spanish exports to France and England. Pascual was ordered to excite public opinion against exporters and shipowners.

CONSTANT STRIKES TO BE PROVOKED.

Pascual says the Germans at Barcelona and Bilbao have an understanding with certain sections of the workmen for the purpose of provoking constant strikes. The workmen of certain factories are being paid a regular salary, to provoke conflicts and impede production. Everything was arranged through the Syndicalist Committees at Barcelona, who organised a general strike for February 11, which arrangements are still pending.

PECULIAR ACTION BY THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT.

These revelations have caused a profound impression, but the Government has confiscated the *Sol* and other papers, which ventured to comment on them, and have stopped telegrams to London and Paris.

SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS.

LONDON, March 8.

The Spanish Cabinet has resigned. Hitherto there has been no explanation, but, apparently, it is the outcome of the crisis which was believed to have been settled by the Cabinet's acceptance of the Army Reform demands of the Military Committee, which overthrew the Government in June.

THE GRAVITY OF THE SHIPPING POSITION.

WHERE DOES THE FAULT REST?

LONDON, Mar. 8.

The Shipbuilding Employers' Federation and the Shipbuilders' Federation, which are both represented by Sir Eric Geddes' revelations about shipbuilding employers and workmen have caused much feeling in the shipbuilding districts. A joint reply of the employers and men will be made next week. In the meantime they point out the fact that the deputation of employers and Trade Unions which waited on the Premier last November made proposals to the Government, which indicates that they realised the gravity of the position. Their decision is to strengthen the First Lord's hands and, if nothing material has resulted since the interview with the Premier, the reason must be looked for within the Government.

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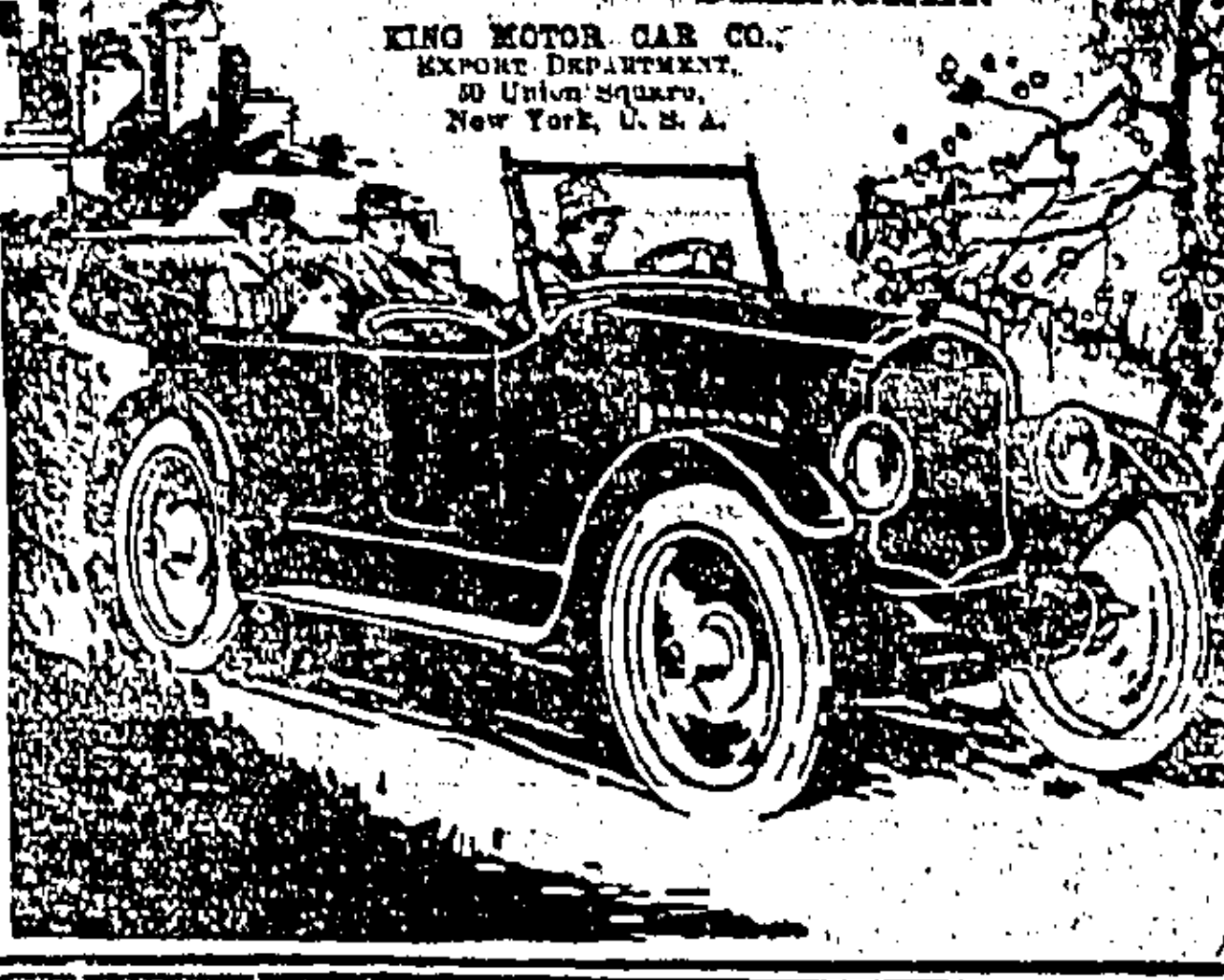
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MASSACRE OF THE ARMENIANS.

GRUESOME TURKISH ATROCITIES.

LONDON, March 8.

Reports which have been received from the Armenian Information Bureau indicate that the handing over of Trans-Caucasia to the Turks will lead to further massacres of Armenians, and, perhaps, to their final extermination.

The Turkish troops, which are advancing to re-occupy Armenia, are destroying all the remaining Armenian population. Every Armenian male—man, boy and babe—at Samsun have been put to the sword. Similar atrocities are being perpetrated at every town and village.

Boghos Pasha, President of the Armenian National Delegation, in Paris, declares that the Armenian nation throughout its whole history was never so near complete annihilation. Armenians hitherto have always found shelter with their brethren in the Caucasus and this time they are about to be crushed by the Turks, followed by hordes of Kurds and Tartars.

Boghos Pasha is of opinion that the Turks are not likely to stop at the frontiers assigned to them, but will attempt to fight their way through the Caucasus. In Turkestan they are preparing a Germano-Turkish march towards the border of Persia and Afghanistan.

At the time when concrete beds for guns were being found—according to latest rumour—in various parts of the Allies' territory, an American in Paris went up to a policeman, and said mysteriously: "Say, are you looking for German spies?"

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A REFLEX OF BRITISH DETERMINATION.

SPLENDID SUCCESS OF WAR BOND CAMPAIGN.

London, Mar. 9. At the conclusion of the "Tank Week," Mr. Bonar Law sent a message to the Lord Mayor of London, heartily congratulating him on the amount of the City's contribution to the War Bond campaign, and stating that although the total returns of the whole country have not as yet been received it is certain that much more than a hundred millions, as asked for, has been subscribed.

"This," he wrote, "is additional proof of the determination of our people to hold fast till the aims for which they entered the war have been secured."

CENTRAL POWERS AND RUMANIA.

AN INDEMNITY TO BE IMPOSED.

Amsterdam, Mar. 9. The *Cologne Gazette* says the Central Powers intend to impose an indemnity upon Rumania, which will take the form of writing off the Central Powers' requisitions during occupation.

These are valued at a milliard marks.

WILD GERMAN DREAMS.

POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF RUMANIAN PEACE.

Amsterdam, Mar. 8. The German newspapers anticipate that the peace with Rumania will shortly have its effects on Greece and also Italy.

THE Bessarabian QUESTION.

GERMAN TALK OF RUMANIAN CONQUEST.

Amsterdam, Mar. 8. The *Berlin Tagblatt* considers that the Bessarabian question must be settled between Russia and Rumania which can leave its army, apart from the eight divisions which will be demobilized, under arms until it has conquered Bessarabia and arranged its protection against Russia.

RUSSIAN EMBASSIES.

REFUSE TO RECOGNISE PEACE TREATY.

London, Mar. 8. Following the lead of the Embassies at Paris and Rome, the Russian Embassy at Madrid has announced that it does not recognise the Brest-Litovsk Peace Treaty, because the Russian signatories were private persons, with no defined powers.

THE KAISER'S PROPERTY IN AMERICA.

THE DEATH-KNELL TO GERMAN ENTERPRISE.

Washington, Mar. 9. The property owned in the United States by the Kaiser, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Junker class generally, and the German Government will be, firstly, sold under authority granted to Mr. Palmer, the Custodian of Alien Property, to sell alien property in the United States.

Mr. Palmer, testifying before the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, said the enemy should know that the connection which he was able to maintain with American industry and commerce has been broken not merely for the duration of the war but permanently.

Mr. Palmer said that American interests in Germany were negligible compared with the German interests in the United States. He intended to use the proceeds from the sale of enemy property to buy Government bonds.

TIN AND TUNGSTEN.

RESEARCH BOARD CREATED.

London, Mar. 10. Sir Lionel Phillips has been appointed Chairman of the newly formed Tin and Tungsten Research Board, with a view to increasing the recovery of the metal in the treatment of the ores.

THE AIR-RAID ON LONDON. THRILLING EXPERIENCES OF VICTIMS.

London, Mar. 8. Several of the bombs in yesterday evening's air-raid fell on residential quarters in London and the suburbs, destroying five houses and a private nursing home.

There were remarkable experiences, which include, for instance, that of a domestic maid, who was blown to the top storey and is suffering with only a sprained ankle.

Two women escaped uninjured by placing a blown-off door upon the bed and crawling under it as the house collapsed. A number of victims were pinned by the debris till this afternoon they were rescued alive, some of whom were sustained by oxygen and other stimulants.

A man who fell from four storeys escaped without very serious injury, despite the fact that a piano crashed on top of him, owing to his being enveloped in a carpet during the fall.

A girl on the top storey of a demolished house was caught by a projecting wall and hung in midair, unconscious for two hours, when she was rescued by firemen.

THE AIR-RAID ON PARIS.

London, Mar. 10. A French official statement says that 11 were killed and 41 injured in Paris and the suburbs in the air-raid.

THE STRUGGLE WHICH WILL SPELL VICTORY.

ELOQUENT SPEECH IN FRENCH CHAMBER.

London, Mar. 9. In the Chamber, M. Clemenceau, replying to interpellations on the Boia affair, made a stirring speech and eloquently appealed for the maintenance of the splendid morale of the French soldiers and people.

The troops were superbly confident that enemy efforts would break down. It would be criminal not to desire peace. He asserted that France's intention to wage war notwithstanding the fact that Russia had betrayed us, and that Rumania was, unfortunately, compelled to capitulate. He was convinced that France would experience that last glowing quarter of an hour of struggle which spells victory.

He earnestly impressed upon the Socialist Deputies that their pre-war ideals of universal disarmament had been cruelly given the lie by facts, and instanced the German action in reply to the request of Messrs. Lenin and Trotsky for the conclusion of a democratic peace.

THE SPANISH CABINET CRISIS.

THE TASK OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

Madrid, Mar. 9. The newspapers unanimously consider that Spain is experiencing a very grave crisis in her history.

The crisis was precipitated by the action of Senor Cierva, Minister for War, writing to the Press, without the knowledge of his colleagues, and attacking Senor Sanchez Boco, ex-President of the Senate, who had been criticising Senor Cierva's methods.

The Prime Minister, Senor Prieto, has abandoned the task of forming a Cabinet as Senor Cierva has refused to join the Liberal Coalition.

The Government measures, which Senor Cierva proposed to enforce by royal decree, involved an increase of 200 million pesetas for Army Estimates, including a big increase in the pay of officers, and large additions to the infantry and artillery.

TEA STOCKS IN UNITED KINGDOM.

ONLY TWO MONTHS' VISIBLE SUPPLY.

London, Mar. 10. The Tea Brokers' Association states that, although nearly all the eighty million pounds of tea, exported from Calcutta to England from November to January, have arrived safely, there is only about two months' supply in the United Kingdom.

GERMAN MENACE IN THE EAST.

A CLEVER SUBSTITUTE FOR BAGDAD RAILWAY.

London, Mar. 10.

Lord Robert Cecil, in a conversation with a Russian representative on the German menace in the East, said he would welcome Japanese intervention in order to prevent the Germanisation of Siberia. Germany was not so much after the food of Ukraine, as she was ambitious to carry out a gigantic scheme of world conquest. She had already taken the Baltic provinces almost to Petrograd, and, besides taking the Aaland Islands, somehow induced the Finns to enable her to control their foreign policy and thereby acquired practically the whole of what was formerly the Russian shores of the Baltic.

This cut off Russia's access to the sea, except at Archangel and the Murman coast. In the South Germany was occupying Odessa and insisting on the retrocession to Turkey of ports on the coast of the Black Sea. Plainly Germany has designed to substitute for the Bagdad railway a new route to the East via the Caucasus and north-western Persia. Both Great Britain and America were deeply interested in the fate of the Armenians, who had suffered nameless outrages, but by the German treaty the Armenians were handed back to the Turks. A small military mission sent with the object of entering the Caucasus via Baku was stopped by the Bolsheviks. "We have not heard of them," he said, "during the last three weeks owing to the destruction of the Tiflis telegraph."

The talk of a German movement towards Democracy was most untrustworthy. The military control of Germany was unshaken. The talk of the progress of internal Liberalism is so much democratic camouflage.

In the course of further observations he said: "I see no reason why the Germans should not try to penetrate Siberia. We have received unconfirmed information that a Prussian General has been sent to Siberia for the purpose of organising the German prisoners. We ought to seek available Japanese assistance to frustrate the German scheme of Eastern conquest."

He concluded by paying a glowing tribute to the Japanese for services rendered in the Pacific, Mediterranean and elsewhere.

GREAT BRITAIN'S MAN-POWER.

THE ENGINEERS' DISPUTE.

London, Mar. 9. Mr. G. N. Barnes, speaking in London, said that a meeting between the Prime Minister himself and representatives of the Engineers' Society would probably result in the Society heartily co-operating with the Government.

OBITUARY.

London, Mar. 10. The Rev. William Walter Merry is dead.

[The Rev. William Walter Merry, D.D. (Oxon), was public orator in the University of Oxford from 1880 to 1910, and Rector of Lincoln's College since 1884. He was a member of the Council of Cheltenham College. He was 82 years of age.]

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

12% DIVIDEND.

The Hongkong branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank is in receipt of a telegram from the Head Office to the effect that at the half-yearly meeting of shareholders held at the head office of the Bank at Yokohama on the 9th instant, it was resolved to pay a dividend of 12% p.a. for the half year ended the 31st December, 1917, to add to the reserve fund Yen 1,000,000 and to carry forward the sum of Yen 2,720,000 to the next account.

DEATH OF M.P.'S WIFE.

London, January 22.—Mrs. Guest, wife of Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. C. H. C. Guest, M.P., was found dead in her bedroom with a bullet in her head and a revolver lying near by.

Lieutenant-Colonel Guest is the second son of the first Lord Wimborne, and was born in 1874. In 1911 he married the Hon. Frances Lytton, daughter of Viscount Cobham.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

IMPORTANT SPEECH BY MR. BONAR LAW.

CONFIDENT OF VICTORY IF ALLIES MAINTAIN COHESION.

London, March 7.

Mr. Bonar Law in the further course of his speech on the Vote of Credit said as regards enemy gun-power, there was no cause for serious alarm, because the power of artillery was limited not merely by the number of guns but by the supply of ammunition. The use of guns depended on the air service in which we had an overwhelming superiority which greatly neutralised any possible superiority in gun-power.

Our superiority in the air was due to the superiority of our men.

Here Mr. Bonar Law broke down, thinking of his arman son who was killed. The House cheered sympathetically.

SCEPTICAL ABOUT A GERMAN OFFENSIVE.

Mr. Bonar Law quickly recovered and proceeded to say that the whole of our forces in France had been most energetically and most skillfully strengthening their defences. The result was wonderful. For example, in the first two months of 1918 we had used more barbed wire than in the whole of 1917. The German offensive ought to be coming, but he was a little sceptical concerning it. But if the attempt were made and failed there could be nothing so decisive in the war.

A member of the Government, who had visited France, told him that while Headquarters expected an attack, the commanders of units which were daily in contact with the enemy did not believe the Germans would attack, so confident of their superiority were they. That did not mean that if an attack were made, there would be no losses of territory. Any side choosing to concentrate sufficiently upon a narrow front could carry it. That might happen if an attack occurred, but if it did happen he was confident its true significance would be realised by the British people as well as the soldiers, whose one desire would be to recover lost ground.

Mr. Bonar Law dwelt upon the effectiveness of our air raids and emphasised the value of the American factor, which depended in the success of our operations at sea.

CONFIDENCE IN SUCCESS.

After expressing disappointment at the results of our ship-building, he laid stress on the vital importance of shipbuilding and the destruction of submarines. From the point of view of staying power, he asked the House to remember that once the equilibrium was established every week would mean an improvement in our favour and increased ability to bring the resources of America to play their part in the war. Looking at what he believed were the facts, he did not believe there was any doubt, if the Allies held together, that they would secure the results they set out to achieve when the war began.

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THE DANGER OF A GERMANISED FINLAND.

London, Mar. 8.

The Stockholm newspaper *Nyadagligt Allehanda* publishes a telegram from the Aaland Islands stating that the disembarkation of German troops was started on Wednesday morning and was proceeding rapidly. Formidable forces have already been landed.

A telegram from Christiania says the President of the Finnish Delegation addressing the Storthing complained of the coolness of the reception accorded to the delegation by Norway. The delegation subsequently departed, without obtaining an audience with the King, as proposed.

The *Morganbladet* dwells on the danger to Scandinavia from a Germanised Finland.

The *Social Democratic*'s Helsingfors correspondent says that a meeting of the Socialist Ministers excitedly discussed the German landing. The President declared that the bulk of the Finns would join the Red Guards which should be a warning to the Germans.

GERMAN OCCUPATION OF THE AALAND ISLANDS.

GERMAN FLAG HOISTED OVER CUSTOMS HOUSE.

London, Mar. 9.

The latest news from the Aaland Islands is that the Germans have disembarked, besides troops, a large number of horses. The German flag flies over the Customs House at Ekero.

LONDON PRESS VIEW.

The *Times*, dwelling on the menace to Sweden, says that Germany, in possession of the Islands, could cut sea communication between the northern and southern provinces; besides being within a few hours' steam from Stockholm.

The *Times* recalls that 25,000 inhabitants of the Islands long ago voted for union with Sweden.

This is an interesting sidelight on the German idea of self-determination.

ALEXIEFF'S GREAT ARMY.

MORE LIGHT ON RUSSIAN POLITICAL CHAOS.

London, March 9.

Enlightenment regarding the internal political situation in Russia has been afforded by Professor Alexieff, of the Moscow University. Interviewed on his arrival at Christiania, yesterday, he stated that a representative conference at Moscow had decided to organise a National Guard with the object of overthrowing the Bolshevik régime.

General Alexieff is organising a great army in the Don district. Thousands are joining it, and the Cossacks are supporting the movement, which aims at the formation of a Coalition Government; the introduction of a Republic; and the repudiation of the Brest-German peace.

The Bolsheviks' position is very weak as a result of the peace with the Central Powers.

The foregoing facts have been suppressed hitherto in Petrograd.

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THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

CONSTITUTIONALISTS, & MILITARISTS.

The Intelligence Bureau at Canton communicates the following:—

The Intelligence Bureau hears that another approach is being made by the North towards the South for a compromise to settle the present struggle, stating that international questions on hand and the situation in the Northern Provinces require internal peace and a united Central Government.

The South, realising the necessity of a united China, is labouring towards this end. The Constitutionalists in the South-Western Provinces, however, do not believe in the sincerity of the Northern militarists who, as their acts have repeatedly shown, have actually created conditions which they believe will find foreign support and sympathy in order to indirectly perpetuate their selfish ambition and extend their illegal power and malicious influence.

The Constitutionalists demand nothing but what every impartial observer would believe reasonable and just, that the Provisional Constitution should be respected and observed by all and that the National Assembly illegally dissolved shall be reconvened without further interference from the militarists. The Constitutionalists cannot subscribe to any terms of compromise or peace which would accord special privileges to any individual person or province. The Provisional Constitution can be amended and the National Assembly dissolved only in accordance with law, but not through force and intrigue as used by the rebellious military governors who are still taking advantage of the military power and strength which they have on hand.

Assistance to this friendly Powers in the War would have been given early if the members of the National Assembly, the representatives of the Chinese people, have been allowed a free hand in the direction of this matter. The Peking Government has long agitated over the dispatch of troops to Europe, but so far, have failed to act, as it has long been pointed out that Tsan Chi-jui has never had any intention to help the friends of democracy in Europe, he simply believing that he will be able to use whatever is given him for war in foreign lands to suppress the democracy and the Constitutionalists in the South.

The recent success of Southern arms in Szechuan and Shensi and the support coming gradually from the better informed military commanders like General Feng Yu-shiang and others, would enable the Constitutionalists to carry out their aim, which is a united China and a democratic government in which the people and not militarism, rules.

A NORTHERN DEFEAT IN SZECHUAN. LATER. The Provincial Assembly of Szechuan has advised the Military Government of the complete defeat of Northern forces there and is asking Generalissimo Sun Yat-sen for instruction.

General Huang Hui-wu, formerly Defense Commissioner of Chungking, has been appointed Military Governor of Szechuan by the Military Government at Canton, and Yang Shi-jan, the Civil Governor. Until the arrival of Governor Yang at his post, General Huang Pao-sung will officiate as Civil Governor.

THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND THE SALT REVENUE.

To prevent the execution of a recent Peking decision to hand over the surplus of the salt revenue to Kwangtung and Kwangsi to Lung Chi-kuang, the Military Government has formally taken over the Salt Administration of Liang-shang, ordering the public to pay their taxes through the Bank of China as usual. The Military Government will fulfil all international obligations incurred on the salt revenue and the organs of administration will remain the same.

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The reader who laughs at Mr. Barry Pain's eccentricities is usually glad that he describes only rare characters—such, for instance, as the young man who is here made to describe a week of his existence—

Sunday.—Got thirty miles of free rail-way travel to-day. It's quite simple when you know it. You book to a station, and get into a train that doesn't stop till fifteen miles beyond it. Then complain bitterly that one of their porters put you into the wrong train. If you tell the tale right the chances are that they will send you back to your destination for nothing. There was a notice in the carriage: "Wait till the train stops." So I whipped out my knife and struck out the first letter in "train." Very laughable—wonder why nobody has thought of it before. Pleasant snore on the way back with my muddy old feet up on the cushions. Smith would have objected to that, but then he objects to everything. Regular kill-joy I call him. Personally, I consult my comfort. Another humorous idea occurred to me at the station. There was a poster representing a beautiful lady, so I gave that lady a pair of moustaches with my indelible pencil. Takes a bit of pluck, too, as you might get caught at it.

Monday.—I've often thought one might have a bit of a lark with one of those fire-alarm fakers in the street. I got my chance to-day, and I took it. Yes, I had them properly. And what made it more amusing was that the engines had hardly left the station before a perfectly genuine call came in. What a lot of silly asses they must have looked!

Tuesday.—Began my propaganda against the food-restrictions at the office to-day. Why should we take any notice of a lot of jabber by the old women in the newspapers? I don't observe any restrictions, and I don't see why anybody else should. My strength has to be kept up. Suppose I have an extra pound of sugar in the week, is a trifle like that going to make any difference to the war? In a way it's a protest against our Government for not capturing all the submarines. That's the course they ought to take. Besides, our milkman considers the war will be over in a fortnight, and as his brother is an actual corporal in the A.S.C. he probably knows what he's talking about. All Smith could say was that there ought to be a muzzling order for imbeciles. He may go too far one of these days and get something that he won't like.

Wednesday.—Discovered to-day that some unprincipled blackguard had passed off a French penny on me in change. I can't think what our police are doing for such a thing to be possible. However, I got my own back. I used it on an automatic weighing machine, and showed a couple of friends who were with me the little devil by which we could all get weighed with the same penny. But the machine must have been out of order. My weight cannot possibly have increased like that. These machines ought to be properly inspected. Think of starting a campaign against fraud!

Thursday.—Smith was holding forth to-day about the absolute necessity for economy even in matches. So presently, to put the laugh against him, I asked him to lend me a match, and contrived to set light to the whole lot. He actually struck me. How was he to have known that it was not a pure accident? However, I don't take that kind of thing lying down, and I told him straight out that I had finished with him. Later I rang up Mrs. Smith and said I was sorry to inform her that her husband had been arrested for embezzlement. Instead of screaming, as expected, she asked for my name and address. So I hung up the receiver. Not a successful day on the whole.

Friday.—Very funny thing happened this morning. A tradesman's cart was standing against the kerb. The driver was delivering stuff at the back-door out of sight. The old horse in the shafts looked about half-dead, and the whinny took me to give him something to wake him up. In about two seconds he was half way down the street, and people trying to stop him, and no end of a set-out. Makes me laugh now when I think of it. Naturally I take no sort of responsibility for the accident that happened afterwards. To start with, any man who leaves a horse and cart unattended in the street acts, in my opinion, very improperly, and should be held to account for anything that may

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happen in consequence. Besides, the two old ladies ought to have looked before crossing the road. And after all, we have hospitals to deal with such cases.

Saturday.—Much depressed. Every body against me. Whatever happens I'm to be made the scapegoat. And it's all for a trifling slip of the memory, such as every man is subject to. I had taken my old pistol out into the garden, in case our neighbour's cat came along. Seeing my sister there, I pointed the pistol at her, and said I would shoot her. I can say honestly that it was not till after I'd pulled the trigger that I remembered the thing was loaded. It was just playful-ness on my part. It broke a bone in her arm, and of course I regret it, but there has been as much to do about it as if I had killed her, and done it on purpose. In my view folks make far too much fuss about these minor ailments. They should think about the soldiers in the trenches, same as I do. However, little one may be to blame for an accident of the kind, one still feels sorry that it happened, and you might have thought some sympathy would have been shown me. None. Not a word. What some people want is more intelligence and a better heart. I'm very dissatisfied about it.

Otherwise, of course, it does show that there is not much amiss with my shooting.

TIN AND RUBBER MARKETS.

Concluding an article on tin and rubber the Singapore "Free Press" says:—

None the less it appears from home expert reports that there is little likelihood of the metal price materially breaking and some quarters are a little nervous as to still higher prices. If these anticipations are correct there is still a considerable margin of speculation in the local market and indications are for a general continuance of the rise. The situation has, however, something more of interest than its effect on this market only, inasmuch as it will to our mind do a good deal of good in getting the public to look rather more seriously into rubber values. In the future, even allowing for cessation of war-disturbances, we do not assume that, apart from periodic upsets, the rubber price is going to maintain the high average of previous years. It is against economic laws that a thing which can be fairly easily produced and is in no way under monopoly should pay dividends of fifty or a hundred or more per cent, even reckoning the "discount" which has to be allowed over the years when the capital is idle. There are indications that Brazil is materially improving her methods, and Burma is going in for very extensive cultivation with Government assistance in alignment of land. These are merely two instances of factors which will affect production and price in future. Taking a broad view, therefore, we look to see a gradual, if slow, decline in rubber value over the coming years. If that conclusion be correct then the price of many rubber shares, as dividend producers, before the recent steady fall, was not sound, and the present depression will be of considerable value in allowing holders or purchasers to make a truer estimate. These remarks, of course, do not apply to those holdings purchased at original par or below, but inasmuch as share dealing is not concerned much as a rule with par quotations, it is hardly necessary to consider these cases. Generally at present it appears rubber is likely to be lower before it improves, and tin seems to have a margin to work on, always allowing for the fact that the latter is liable to slump more rapidly than the former when it does slump.

THE WAR AND ALCOHOLISM.

At the Royal Institute of Public Health, Lord d'Abernon, Chairman of the Central Control Board, read a paper on "Public Health and Alcoholism among Women."

The question of the regulation of the liquor traffic among women, said Lord d'Abernon, had become increasingly prominent with the continuance of the war, with the steady rise in the number of women who had replaced men of military age withdrawn from industry, or who had adopted industrial life for one reason or another.

The number of women now in industrial life and in non-sheltered occupations common to men was estimated to exceed by nearly 14 millions the number so employed before the war, and this increase in the number of women workers had been accompanied by a considerable rise in the average wage of female labour. The increase in women's earnings was variously estimated at from £150,000,000 to £200,000,000 per annum.

The bearing of these facts and figures on the drink problem was obvious. It might have been expected that there would have been a great development of alcoholic excess. Experience taught that excessive drinking, both by men and women, fluctuated inversely under the influence of good and bad trade, or, in other words, purchasing power.

Having quoted statistical evidence on this point, Lord d'Abernon added: "But so far from any increase having occurred, the statistical and other evidence available indicates that intemperance among women, both in public and in the home, has since the first year of the war, decreased to a level far below any thing recorded in the past fifty years. That is to say, the time when they possessed a unique degree of immunity of indulgence, they have attained an unparalleled level of sobriety."

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